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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition in solid form comprising bupropion hydrochloride and an effective amount of carboxyvinyl polymer as the sole stabilizing agent and the sole controlled release material ~~in an effective stabilizing amount, wherein the composition is substantially free of an acidic pharmaceutical carrier as a stabilizer.~~

2. (Original) The composition of claim 1, in which the composition contains at least about 90% w/w of undegraded bupropion hydrochloride after storage for 2 weeks at 55°C.

3. (Original) The composition of claim 1, in which the composition contains at least about 90% w/w of undegraded bupropion hydrochloride after storage for 3 months at 40°C and 75% relative humidity.